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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Communication of September 17, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit herewith an amendment, a Substitute Sequence Listing, and a computer-readable Sequence Listing.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the Sequence Listing at pages 21-38. Also, at page 40 (Abstract), after the last line, on the next page, please insert the Substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto.